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Title: **METHOD OF INACTIVATING RIBONUCLEASES AT HIGH TEMPERATURE**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION & ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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To the Commissioner:

In response to the restriction and election of species requirement dated March 15, 2006, the time period for response thereto being set to expire May 15, 2006, by virtue of the Petition for One-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-25 and 40-45.

For a species, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, RNase inhibitor proteins derived from mammalian sources in general, and derived from human placental sources (native or recombinant) in particular. If the Office insists on an election between native and recombinant sources, Applicants elect (with traverse) recombinant sources. Applicants further elect (with traverse) RNase A and RNase B as the RNases to be inhibited. (Both of these types of RNases are inhibited, for example, by Promega's RNasin Plus-brand RNase inhibitor. See Exhibit A attached hereto.) Should the Office require a further election between RNase A and RNase B, Applicants elect, with traverse, RNase A.